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Fire Information Line: 435-680-2405

Public Safety Top Priority Entering the Weekend

Cedar City, UT - Interagency fire crews made excellent progress on the Hicks Creek incident bringing it to 37% contained; a 32 point increase from the last report. The fire is at 1,112 acres, only growing 1 acre over the past 24 hours. Calm weather continued to aid crews as resources worked towards the goal of 100% containment.

As hunting season and the Utah Education Association (UEA) break approaches, fire managers are focused on the safety of public as they begin to recreate this weekend. While the fire is looking better, it is still active and not fully contained. Crews are actively engaged in suppression activities on the ground and in the air. Please do not interfere with firefighting efforts. Observe any road closures, do not block any roads, and if you are hiking, stay well away from the burn area. The roads in and around Shurtz Creek are still closed, but the Southern View Mountain Biking Trail is now open.

Over the course of 72 hours, Color Country fire management officials were able to gather 271 firefighters from across the western United States, in a time of the year where few crews are available. Those who answered the call, limited the fires spread from 1,033 acres in the first burn period to 70 acres on day two, and only 7 on day three. The quick response and efficiency of how this fire is being fought are not an accident. It is a reoccurring example of the competency of Utah's fire management officials, their seamless interagency approach (DNR, USFS, BLM, Local, Volunteer), and the skill of our nation's wildland firefighters.

A public meeting will be held tonight to discuss the fire, answer questions and present information on wildfire preparedness programs offered locally. The meeting will be at 7:30pm in the Cedar City Stake Center on 155 East 400 South, Cedar City, UT.

Acres: 1,112

Containment: 37%

Total Personnel on Scene: 271

Closures: Roads above Shurtz Creek

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